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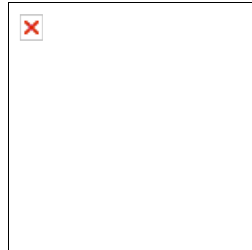
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Everglade - Things To Save
UKDIVISION Records

file under Gothic metal



Erwin: Everglade is a band from Italy and started way back in 2003 as a studio project. 'Things To Save' is Everglade's first full-length studio album although some tracks from it have found their way to various compilation albums. Since these albums are usually difficult to find 'Things To Save' could be the first time for the larger audience to hear Everglade. And about the name of the band: the band was not named after the Everglades in Florida (USA) but after the studio were the band did record this album.

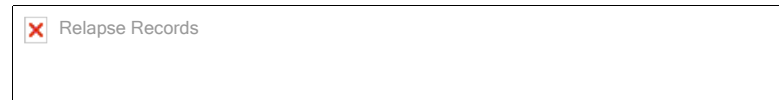
At first sight the songs on 'Things To Save' are easy to catch up: it is a nice blend of heavy rock, a bit gothic rock and some grunge. This kind of music stand or fall with the qualities of the singer and Matteo does a reasonable job on this album. Much better than the work of the male singers of Lacuna Coil or Theatre Of Tragedy on their latest releases.

The music is a different story and maybe not too original. Some songs remind me of how a modern version of the Sisters Of Mercy could sound. Some parts and ideas would have fitted nicely on Iron Maiden's 'A Matter Of Life And Death' as in case with the fourth song 'A Bitter Taste' while the song 'Things To Save' could have been an 'On Thorns I Lay' song. The band used to cover Pearl Jam and Alice In Chains songs in the early days and these influences are still to be found in Everglade's music.

This is the whole problem with the album 'Things To Save': every song will remind you of another band. Everglade will never get a price for being original but the musicians in the band know their instruments and that is a bonus for this band.

Rating: 70/100 (details)

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